

City News

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Sign Up for Diamond Bar Center Email Alerts

If you or someone you know is planning a special event, the City's new email notification regarding the Diamond Bar Center could be just what you or they need.

The free service provides subscribers with reservation availability reminders, dates available due to canceled dates, facility policy changes, and event success tips through weekly or as needed email messages.

First opened in 2004, the Diamond Bar Center features impressive banquet and meeting rooms with breathtaking views of the San Gabriel Valley. It is surrounded by lush landscaping, a meandering stream, colorful gardens, and a walking path that connects with several nature trails.

To take advantage of this new email service, simply visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on the "Diamond Bar Center" button or call 909.839.7070.



Tribute to Local Heroes

Residents who have a loved one on active duty are reminded that Monday, August 31 is the deadline for the second of two calls for applications for the City's 2009 Armed Forces Banner program which honors local servicemen and women.



The program was created in April 2006 and has since transformed several of the City's busiest thoroughfares into patriotic displays of banners recognizing over 100 members of the nation's armed forces.

Those interested in participating in the program may obtain an application in person at City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, or via the City's website at www.ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

Completed applications, along with proof of city residency, can be mailed to City of Diamond Bar, Attn: Armed Forces Banner Program, 21825 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, faxed to 909.612.4580, or emailed to lorry.meyer@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

For more information or to request an application by mail, call Community Services Coordinator Lorry Meyer at 909.839.7068.

Permanent Water Conservation Measures Now in Effect

Voluntary water use restrictions became permanent last month with Walnut Valley Water District Board of Director's adoption of a Water Conservation Ordinance aimed at achieving the 10 percent reduction in water usage ordered by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The restrictions, which apply to residents and businesses, emphasize responsible water use through measures that, among other things, limit the duration of watering and washing of vehicles; ban excessive water flow and hosing of hard surfaces; and mandate the timely repair of leaks.

Metropolitan's reduction of water supplies to Walnut Valley and its other 25 member agencies is due to the continuing statewide drought and the regulatory restrictions in place to protect fish species in the Bay-Delta, one of the major sources of imported supplies.

Information about the water shortage and the new restrictions, as well as conservation tips can be found on

Walnut Valley's website www.wvwd.com. Water waste can be reported by calling 909.348.8228 or emailing savewater@wvwd.com

Business Awards

And the Winner is...



June

New Business of the Month

Paik's Bonga Restaurant

22640 Golden Springs Drive

909.612.1000

Hours: Mon - Sun, 11 am - 9:30 pm



July

Business of the Month

Peacock Gardens

Indian Cuisine Restaurant

23347 Golden Springs Drive

909.860.2606

Hours: Mon - Sun, 11 am - 3 pm,
5 pm - 10 pm

City Welcomes New Assistant Fire Chief

Van Mark Madrigal, a 34-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Fire Department recently became Diamond Bar's Assistant Fire Chief.

Chief Madrigal began his career in the fire service as a fire control laborer in 1975.

Two years later, Chief Madrigal joined the South Bay Fire Protection District in San Luis Obispo County to work as a firefighter for a one-year period before returning to the Los Angeles County Fire Department in 1978 and graduating in the 51st Recruit Academy.

Since that time, Chief Madrigal became certified as a Paramedic and promoted through the ranks of Firefighter Specialist, Captain, and Battalion Chief. He has been the incident commander on over 80 major incidents, and has completed all courses for the State Fire Officer Program and the Instructor Series.



In his new role as Assistant Fire Chief, Madrigal is responsible for five cities, including Diamond Bar, and several unincorporated areas. He also oversees the daily operations of three Battalions, which consist of 19 Fire Stations, a personnel of 300, and one of the County's four Hazardous Material Units.

AARP Driver Safety Course Available

Next month, the City and AARP will give drivers age 50 and older an opportunity to refresh their driving skills during a special two-day class.

The AARP Mature Driving Class will be held at the Heritage Park Community Center from 10 am to 2 pm on September 24 and 25. Current road rules and useful driving adjustments to common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time will be discussed.

Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate of completion from AARP and preregistration is required. Depending on eligibility, the certificate may be used for auto insurance discounts. The cost of the class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

For more information or to register, call the City's Recreation Services Division at 909.839.7070.

Calendar Key



City Council Meeting*- starts at 6:30 pm



Planning Commission Meeting*- starts at 7 pm



Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting*- starts at 7 pm



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*- starts at 7 pm



Public Meeting on Parks Master Plan, Diamond Bar Center - 9-11 a.m.



Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm



Concerts in the Park/Movies under the Stars
Sycamore Canyon Park, starting at 6:30 pm

August 2009

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*All meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive. Additional event and meeting details are available at www.cityofdiamondbar.com.

Lycoming Street Reconstruction Now in Progress

Work has begun on the major reconstruction of a section of Lycoming Street, one of the busiest roads in the city.

Improvements being made from Lemon Avenue to the easterly city limits include the reconstruction of the asphalt pavement, the upgrading of several curb ramps to meet ADA standards for accessibility, the replacement of some curb gutters, and the repairing of sections of nearby sidewalk.

Project costs totaling nearly \$1 million are being funded in most part by Proposition 1B state transportation bond funds. Completion is targeted for early next month.

Temporary detour routes to direct traffic are posted near the construction area and can also be viewed on the City's website by clicking on the "Construction Projects" button found under the "For Residents" tab.

For information about the project, contact the Public Works Department at 909.839.7040 or publicworks@ci.diamond-bar.ca.us.

Hey Teens!

DB4Youth "In Action" invites you to round up your friends and head on over to Sycamore Canyon Park on Friday, August 21 for its first-ever Teen Night Out!

Planned by a group of teens, the event will go from 6 to 10pm and feature carnival games, laser tag, and DJ music. Participation in the games is free, and snacks will be available for purchase. Admission and shuttle service to the park from Diamond Bar Golf Course is free.

DB4Youth "In Action" is a City-sponsored group formed in 2006 to encourage an active and community-oriented teen population. Aside from planning teen-geared special events,



the group's members regularly volunteer with local non-profits.

For more information about the event or to learn more about DB4Youth, call Community Services Coordinator Alison Meyers or visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com and click on the Recreation tab.

Park Bench Reward Still Available

A \$2,000 reward still awaits the individual(s) who can provide the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station with information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the theft of two memorial benches located at a Diamond Bar park.

At its regular March 3 meeting, the Diamond Bar City Council approved the use of \$1,000 as an incentive to catch the thief and shortly after, the County of Los Angeles Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe matched the reward, bringing the total amount to \$2,000.

With no leads to further the investigation, detectives of the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station are once again making a call to anyone who might have

information about the incident.

The two six-foot steel benches bearing memorial plaques for former Diamond Bar Councilmember Bob Zirbes and former City employee Steve Tamaya were previously located on the Sycamore Canyon Park trailhead near Diamond Bar Boulevard. They were taken sometime between late Friday, February 6 and early Saturday, February 7.

Information can be provided to the Sheriff's Station by calling 909.595.2264. Callers' identities will remain confidential.



Ask City Hall

Answers to commonly asked questions about City services, codes, and other matters pertaining to living and working in Diamond Bar.

Q: My streetlight is out. How do I get it fixed?

A: All street lights within the City are the property of Southern California Edison.

You can report an inoperable street light by calling Edison at 800.655.4555 or submitting a request via its website at www.sce.com/forms/ReportStreetLightOutage.aspx.

You will need the following information: the address or specific location (address or nearest cross streets); the streetlight pole number (if available, it is found at eye level); and the nature of the problem.

If the streetlight is located with a City park, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060 or complete a service request via the City's website at www.cityofdiamondbar.com.

Playing Fields Closed for Maintenance

Residents and sports organizations are advised that the playing fields at Pantera Park and Lorbeer Middle School are closed for routine turf maintenance. Fields at Pantera Park will be open for use mid-August, while the field at Lorbeer Middle School will be available early September. For more information, contact the City's Community Services Department at 909.839.7060.

Council Members
Ron Everett, Mayor
Carol Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem
Wen Chang, Council Member
Jack Tanaka, Council Member
Steve Tye, Council Member

City Manager James DeStefano



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City Services

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| Building & Safety | 909.839.7020 |
| City Clerk's Office | 909.839.7010 |
| City Manager's Office | 909.839.7010 |
| Community Development | 909.839.7030 |
| Community Services | 909.839.7060 |
| Facility Reservations | 909.839.7070 |
| Finance | 909.839.7050 |
| Human Resources | 909.839.7015 |
| Library | 909.861.4978 |
| Neighborhood Improvement | 909.839.7030 |
| Planning | 909.839.7030 |
| Post Office | 909.860.2469 |
| Public Information Office | 909.839.7055 |
| Public Safety Services | 909.839.7075 |
| Public Works/Engineering | 909.839.7040 |
| Recreation Services | 909.839.7070 |
| Senior Services | 909.839.7068 |
| Transit Information | 909.839.7045 |
| Voter Registration | 562.462.2748 |

Business Information:

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| Business Licenses | 909.839.7030 |
| Chamber of Commerce | 909.860.1904 |

School Districts:

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| Pomona Unified | 909.397.4700 |
| Walnut Valley Unified | 909.595.1261 |

Utilities:

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| So Cal Edison (electric) | 800.611.1911 |
| So Cal Gas (gas) | 800.427.2200 |
| Time Warner (cable TV) | 888.892.2253 |
| Verizon (telephone) | 800.483.5000 |
| Walnut Valley Water | 909.595.7554 |
| Waste Disposal: | |
| Valley Vista (businesses) | 800.442.6454 |
| Waste Management (residents) | 909.599.1274 |

Public Safety:

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| Animal Control | 909.623.9777 |
| Fire (LA County)* | 909.629.9671 |
| Police (LA Co. Sheriff)* | 909.595.2264 |

24-Hour Hotlines:

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| Building Inspection Hotline | 909.839.7027 |
| Graffiti Hotline | 800.794.7384 |
| Job Hotline | 909.612.4636 x 1410 |

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

Snapshots Around The Community

Cool temperatures and warm community spirit set the tone for the launch of the City's Concerts in the Park and Movies Under the Stars combo series at Sycamore Canyon Park on July 8.

Enjoy some snapshots from that evening!

Classic Rock Band "The Answer" heated the stage and had the crowd on its feet from the start to the end of its performance.



The event attracted plenty of young visitors whom were eager for dusk to arrive and bring with it the 20-foot inflatable screen featuring family-friendly flicks.



It was a family affair for several concert-goers, including Cheryl Quintero-Overstreet, pictured left, with her 21-month old daughter, Lauren; and Steve Swartout, pictured below, with his two daughters, Natalie, 9, and Jillian, 6, and their 3-year-old, Troy.



Don't miss out on the remaining concerts this month!

August 5

Concert: **Cold Duck** (70's Top 40)
Movie: **The Spiderwick Chronicles**

August 12

Concert: **The Wiseguys** (Big Band)
Movie: **Little Giants**

August 19

Concert: **Hollywood U2 – U2 Tribute**
(Concert sponsored by the Diamond Bar Community Foundation)
Movie: **Bolt**

Concerts start at 6:30 pm, followed by the movies at dusk. Free parking and shuttle service to the park is available from the Diamond Bar Golf Course starting at 5:30 pm. For more information, call the Community Services Department at 909.839.7070.